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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Declassification of Some of Your
Murphy Commission Testimony

1. Subsequent to your appearance before the Murphy Commission, on 19 November, the Commission staff requested that we review the transcript of your remarks and differentiate for them the classified and unclassified portions. For your information, they have taken this same approach with most of the witnesses who have made reference to classified information in their testimony.

2. The transcript which appears in the attached notebook has been reviewed by the DDI, the DDO, the DDS&T, the General Counsel, and by me. We have underlined in red all portions which are classified, except for a few points which are now treated within the Agency as classified but which you may now wish to treat as unclassified. The particular portions to which I draw your attention are:

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a. On page 9, the first full paragraph beginning with "That was a way of expressing the charge of conducting espionage..." Is there today a good reason to deny that the US has a mechanism for directing the conduct of espionage?

b. On page 14, the first full paragraph on the page.

Do we have any obligation to protect

or are these appearances widely known?

c. On page 57, beginning in the first paragraph with "This, of course, is why we got into the war in Laos..." and carrying through the middle of page 58; then picking up again after certain deletions on page 58 with the paragraph "When the cease fire was arranged last January..." and carrying to Mr. Murphy's first question on page 59. This section describes how CIA got into the Laos war, etc. Can some or all of this go into the open record to begin to set matters straight?

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d. On page 101, the paragraph about mid-page which begins "What happened in 1959 was that a General in the Cambodian Army..." through page 102 as marked. This is the story of why Sihanouk thinks we tried to overthrow him in 1959, and it seems that this would be a good story to have out in the open.

*Yes - I
did - my
confirmation
hearings
page 157*

3. The Commission does not now intend to publish a sanitized transcript, although they may want to publish an unclassified summary of your testimony. Thus, they will need guidance from us about which portions of your briefing they may use. After I receive your guidance on these few outstanding points, I will mark their copy of the transcript to match yours.

4. For your information, the Commission is developing a follow-up study plan which the staff members will pursue. I know that one area on which they would like a clearer fix is covert action.

5. I recommend that you sign the attached letter to Ambassador Murphy, transmitting the sanitized text. I will carry it to the Commission when I go to mark their transcript.



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Attachment:
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